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SUBJECT: ECE-35TH SESSION HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING
COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 9-13, 1974

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1. THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION RAN ACCORDING TO FORM UNDER
EXPERIENCED GUIDANCE OF BRITISH CHAIRMAN REDPATH. US DEL
(ALL MEMBERS OF WHICH WERE NEW TO ECE) WAS WARMLY RECEIVED
AND ASSISTED BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS AND BY US MISSION GENEVA.

2. MAIN POINT OF INTEREST TO US CAME UNDER ITEM 12 OF
AGENDA, "CURRENT AND LONG-TERM PROGRAMS OF WORK AND
PRIORITIES". AFTER EXPLORING ECE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, US
DEL CONCLUDED IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ECE/HBP TO FIT
US URBAN SEMINAR WITHIN PREFERRED APRIL 10-MAY 30 TIME
FRAME. FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION (REFTEL) OF EARLIER
INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE, US REP MICHAEL MOSKOW READ TEXT
OF DOT UNDER SECRETARY BARNUM'S LETTER TO STANOVNIK DURING
DISCUSSION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 12. THIS INVITATION WAS
WELCOMED AND ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE. SECRETARIAT
WAS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE SUITABLE DATES FOR THE SEMINAR,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DATES OF OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS IN
SAME PERIOD, NAMELY THE ANNUAL SESSION OF ECE, THE THIRD
ECE CONFERENCE ON URBAN AND REGIONAL RESEARCH (APRIL 1976
WITH POLAND AS HOST) AND THE UN CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION ON
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. (US DEL MADE LAST-DITCH EFFORT WITH
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POLISH DELEGATE TO SWITCH HIS CONFERENCE FROM APRIL TO

JUNE, BUT HE POLITELY REGRETTED THAT LOGISTICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS HAS PROCEEDED TOO FAR TO PERMIT A CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.) THUS, -AGREED DATE WITH SECRETARIAT (REINER) IS PERIOD JUNE 14-26, 1976.

3. ONLY OTHER TOPIC OF GENERAL INTEREST WAS COMMITTEE'S AGREEMENT TO PROPOSAL THAT TWO DAYS OF NEXT (36TH) SESSION OF HBP SHOULD BE SPENT ON TOPICS INVOLVING COMMITTEE'S PREPARATIONS AND APPROACHES TO ASSISTING AND SUPPORTING VANCOUVER CONFERENCE. ENRIQUE PENALOSA, VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SECRETARY GENERAL, WAS INTRODUCED BY STANOVNIK AT OPENING SESSION. PENALOSA'S STATEMENT WAS GENERAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM HBP WHICH HAS "CARRIED OUT IMPORTANT PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION AND RESEARCH IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER CENTURY." PENALOSA'S DEPUTY, TURIN, WAS PRESENT ENTIRE SESSION AND LOBBIED ACTIVELY, AS DID MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS MEMBERS (SAUMIER, COOPER-STOCK) OF CANADIAN DELEGATION. DALE

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